
QBRA NEWS



General Meeting Saturday, April 23

Waterfront Redevelopment

Our town spent a lot of money, much of it from grants, getting the science right on the future of our waterfront with the distinct possibility of sea level rise. The consultants came up with four strategies to deal with the expected sea level rise. These are: defend, accommodate, retreat or ignore. Lynn Epps, Len Flint, Peter Drummond and Dave Golson will each take one of these strategies and explain it in terms of sea level rise, storm surge intensity and frequency etc. The floor will then be opened to the membership to ask questions or put forward their views. This should be an interesting discussion and any ideas or conclusions from the meeting will be forwarded to the town for their consideration when finally drafting the Waterfront Development Plan. What would Qualicum Beach be without our beach and how can we develop it for our residents, our visitors and the environment,

General Meeting on
April 23 at 2:30 at
the Community
Centre (next to the
Curling Club on
Veterans Way

Proposed Changes to our By-Laws

The Board of Directors is proposing a few changes to our by-laws. The By-Laws are the part of our “constitution” (the old term) that are kept on file in Victoria. They can only be changed by a 2/3 majority of the members present at a General meeting. The changes also have to be given to members at least 14 days prior to the General meeting. Even though the bulk of this meeting will be on the waterfront, we would like to take 20-30 minutes at the beginning to, hopefully, approve these changes. Most of them are just a matter of tidying up our current by-laws.

Current By-Laws

PURPOSES

- (a) To encourage and promote the residents to improve their respective local conditions on political, social, cultural, economic and environmental matters that affect the residents in the community of Qualicum Beach.
- (b) To make suitable recommendations before Town Council regarding specific issues that both benefit and improve the quality of life in the community of Qualicum Beach.
- (c) To ensure representation of the Association at the Town Council meetings for information purposes.

MEMBERSHIP

2. Upon application being accepted by the Directors, membership is open to any citizens of voting age within the Town of Qualicum Beach, who are residential property owners, and/or, tenants in good standing who are permanent residents in the Town for over six (6) months in any one year, including any immediate adult family members residing with said property owners or tenants.

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PURPOSES

- (a) To promote and facilitate opportunities for the residents of Qualicum Beach to express their views on political, social, cultural, economic, environmental and other matters for which they may have interests (eg. quality of life, property values; etc.);*
- (b) To consider, recommend and promote such legislative, policy and other measures related to the long-term interests of residents; and,*
- (c) To facilitate the transfer of information and knowledge between residents and their local government.*

MEMBERSHIP

2. Upon application, payment of annual dues and acceptance by the Directors, membership is open to any residents of the Town of Qualicum Beach who are of voting age.

3. Every member is entitled upon request to receive a free copy of the Association's Rules, Policy and By-Laws and every member shall uphold and comply with same.

9. A minimum attendance of 10 members in good standing is required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any General Meeting.

10. A member in good standing present at a meeting of members is entitled to one vote. Absent members in good standing may grant their proxy in writing to any other member in good standing, with such proxy being valid only for that one

3. Every member is entitled upon request to receive a free copy of the Association's By-Laws and every member shall uphold and comply with same.

9. A minimum attendance of 10% of the members in good standing is required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any General Meeting.

10. A member in good standing for at least 30 calendar days and present at a meeting of members is entitled to one vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

12. Up to 10 members in good standing shall be elected as Directors at the Annual General Meeting, either continuing their 2 year term, or being elected to office for 2 years, aiming at having 50% in each class. At this new elected boards first meeting, the elected members will decide on which ones will assume the various duties and titles as outlined in the club's separate "Rules" which shall include at least a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus other directors as named. The outgoing President automatically becomes Past President on the new Board.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

12. Up to 10 members in good standing shall be elected as Directors for a two-year term at the Annual General Meeting. Only non-encumbered terms will be open for election at each AGM.

13. At the first meeting of the board of directors following an AGM, these officers shall be elected by a majority of directors:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

The roles and responsibilities of officers shall be defined by board policy.

13. A minimum attendance of 5 Directors in good standing is required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Directors meeting at which voting by proxy given to another director in good standing is permitted which is valid for one meeting only.

14. The Directors may appoint a member to occupy any vacancy occurring on the Board, such appointment to last only until elections at the next Annual General Meeting.

New (Was in policy before)

14. The directors may appoint a member to occupy any vacancy occurring on the Board, such appointment to last only until elections at the next Annual General Meeting.

15. A minimum of 50% + one of duly elected or appointed directors is required to constitute quorum for the transaction of business at any

24. Any Director who is absent for four (4) consecutive meetings; or, who is derelict in his or her duties as outlined in the By-Laws or board policy; or, has been deemed by a majority of directors to have ceased being a member of the Association, shall automatically cease to occupy office. A majority of directors may waive this requirement for just and valid reason, provided

Syrian Refugees

As a group the QBRA has not taken any stand on the Syrian Refugees, but we have posted their information in our blog and several of our Board members have worked on the committee. We applaud the work they have done in fund raising and getting a house ready for the refugees. Their website is <http://www.qualicumrsg.org>. They are having an open house at 181 Sunningdale Road West on April 30 if you wish to see the wonders they have wrought.

Qualicum Beach Residents Association

General Meeting

Waterfront Re-development and By-Law Changes

Saturday, April 23 at the Community Centre

Memorial at Veterans Way

2:30 pm